

A. O. U. W.

J. W. Shreve, Grand Master of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of the jurisdiction of Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona, who is making an official visit to lodges in Arizona, arrived here Saturday, leaving Tuesday for Kingman, where he expects to organize a new lodge. Monday a special meeting was held in Masonic Hall, which was attended by nearly all the A. O. U. W. members in town, who listened to an address from their chief officer. Mr. Shreve is the youngest man ever elected to the office of Grand Master Workman. He is able and energetic, and is devoted to the principles of the order, and under his administration the order in this jurisdiction will no doubt increase its membership.

Work in Forest Preservation.

A National Bureau of Forestry is destined to be one of the most important branches of the government.

Practical foresters in the United States are scarce. In fact about the only ones are the lumbermen, and their forest training is all in one line. The forester of the department of agriculture, Mr. Gifford Pinchot, is arranging to take a forestry class with him into the forests of the far west for the purpose of studying forest preservation. Their expenses will be paid by the government and they will be utilized by him as assistants, at the same time receiving practical instruction in lines of work for which there is sure to be a demand in this country as the question of practical forestry comes more and more to the front and the need of forest preservation is realized.

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New Compulsory School Law.

It is a matter of interest to know that the last legislature passed a compulsory school law. The law makes it mandatory for all parents to send children of school age to school for at least twelve weeks out of the school year, six weeks of which attendance shall be consecutive. The following exceptions are made:

That the child is being taught at home by a competent instructor in such branches as are being taught in the public schools.

That the parent or guardian, by reason of poverty, is not able to properly clothe such child.

That the child's physical or mental condition is such as will not warrant the child's attendance.

That there is no school taught within two miles and a half of the residence of the child.

A fine of not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars is imposed on any parent or guardian failing to comply with the law.

The Grand Canyon copper mine is yielding ore of such high grade that the owners pack and haul it fifty miles to the railroad, ship it to the smelter and then have a large margin of profit. This is the property bonded from Geo. Ridenour, and payments have been promptly made. Seventeen men are on the pay roll and are taking out ore faster than it can be transported with present facilities. Some large pieces of the ore were recently brought to Prescott, and finer copper ore, both as to character and grade, cannot be found anywhere. The pay streak continues as the work progresses and is twenty-four inches wide on the face of the tunnel.—Prescott Courier.

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